Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheets of drawings replaces the original sheets including Figs. 1-17.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheets (8 pages)

## REMARKS

New formal drawings are submitted pursuant to the Examiner's request. Applicant apologizes for the inadvertent submission of the incorrect set of drawings and appreciates the Examiner's patience.

Claims 1-3, 8, 10, 15, 22, 23 and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Francis '321, and claims 1-5, 8-12, 15, 22, 23 and 28 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Francis.

Amended claim 1 features, in pertinent part, a subassembly for a shaving razor, the shaving razor including a recess having at least two opposed continuous planar walls and the subassembly including blades having having first and second longitudinal ends, and first and second plastic blocks, the first longitudinal ends being secured to the first plastic block and the second longitudinal ends being secured to the second plastic block to provide an integral unit. The first and second plastic blocks define continuous planar outer surfaces configured to allow the subassembly to be received into the recess in the razor with the outer surfaces of the subassembly positioned adjacent and in opposed spaced relation to the corresponding walls of the recess. This configuration allows the subassembly to be dropped into the recess, as shown in Fig. 2 of Applicant's disclosure, simplifying manufacture and providing a robust razor design.

In contrast, the "tandem blade unit" described by Francis includes protrusions extending from the outer surfaces of the end links 19, either the ends 13 of the wire blade supports (Figs. 1-2 and 8-9) or separate studs 19A (Fig. 15). These protrusions are necessary for mounting the blade unit on a handle. In the embodiment shown in Fig. 5, end portions 13 are received in holes 24 of ears 22 on yoke arms 21 (col. 2, lines 44-51). In other embodiments the blade unit is secured in a similar fashion. There is no teaching or suggestion in Francis of Applicant's claimed construction.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections under §§102 and 103 be withdrawn.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 00216-674001.

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